

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

April 29, 2003

The Board of Supervisors has consistently supported and advocated for consumer rights and has been a vigorous proponent of consumer protection and education. Each year, there are an average 23,900 deaths and 32.7 million injuries related to consumer products under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The deaths, injuries, and property damage associated with consumer products cost the nation over \$700 billion annually.

In Fiscal Year 2002, the CPSC negotiated some 387 recalls involving over 50 million consumer products that presented a significant risk of injury to the public. In Fiscal year 2002 there were 210 shipments of 3.6 million units seized at ports of entry. Many old hazardous products such as disposable lighters, old extension cords, halogen torchiere floor lamps, old power tools, old cribs and old electric hair dryers remain in homes, flea markets, garage sales or in second hand stores. The CPSC, in conjunction with state and local governments and community organizations throughout the Nation, is launching "Recall Round-Up Day" -- a national safety campaign to roundup unsafe

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products.

The County of Los Angeles will support and encourage its citizens to work with local fire, safety, health, and consumer agencies and other appropriate community organizations to organize local roundups of dangerous and defective consumer products and alert parents, grandparents, children's care givers and the general public to the hazards of selected recalled consumer products. The "Recall Round-Up Day" programs will result in reducing injuries and deaths in the County of Los Angeles;

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs, declare April 29, 2003, as "Recall Round-Up Day" in Los Angeles County and urge all residents to participate in this important day.

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